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Finance (1947) Department.

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G.O. No. 865

Dated 6th November 1947

[Despatch Abstract.]

Advances - Interest free - advances to Non Gazetted Government Servants for purchase of clothing and household utensils - Request negatived - Papers recorded.

THE NON-GAZETTED GOVERNMENT OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.
(CENTRAL), MADRAS.

"Non-Gazetted Officers' Home"

31, Neeli Veeraswami Chetty
Street, Triplicane,
5th September 1947.

No. 41/NGO.

To

The Hon'ble the Finance Minister to the Government of Madras

through

The Secretary to Government,
Finance Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,

In the Provincial Conference of the Non Gazetted Government Officers held at Vizagapatam on 23.8.1947 the following resolution was passed unanimously:-

"Whereas almost all Non Gazetted Government Officers are heavily involved in debts and have no means to clear them off with their present salaries and as most of the Non/Government /Gazetted/ Officers are even without the minimum equipment in regard to clothing, household utensils, etc this conference requests the Government of Madras to give all the Non Gazetted Government Officers an interest free advance of six months' salary subject to a minimum of Rs. 100/- and maximum of Rs. 1,000/- the advance being recovered in 60 monthly instalments.

I am to state that no elaborate justification is necessary in support of the resolution. The Government are no doubt aware of the plight of their poor paid employees. Every one of them is heavily in debts. It is no exaggeration to state that almost all subordinates have not got even the minimum equipment in regard to clothing, utensils, etc. The price level has been steadily on the increase as will be seen from the following tabular statement.

MADRAS CITY GENERAL INDEX.

1944.	202 points.
1945.	222 points.
1946.	235 points.

		Food	Fuel and lighting.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	House rent.	General Index.
1947.	Jan.	303	205	243	221	100	251.
	Feb.	305	205	263	221	100	254
	Mar.	309	205	276	245	154	267
	Apr.	309	257	304	245	154	271
	May.	300	257	304	249	154	269
	June.	299	257	304	249	154	269
	July.	302	260	304	249	154	270.

In August 1947 there has been a very great rise in price of food stuffs, especially, ghee, All companies have announced increase in price in regard to toilets, especially soaps and all consumer goods. The price of firewood has been enhanced further. The supply price of milk, butter milk, vegetables, etc has been increased and a further increase seems to be in store in view of the vegetable vendors conference scheduled to take place on 6.9.47. The Non-Gazetted Government subordinates in this Presidency feel helpless and look to Government for some tangible relief forthwith. I am to request that the prayer may be considered sympathetically

and orders passed before the end of this month.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) x x x x
General Secretary.

Copy to the Secretary, Madras Secretariat Staff Association.
Copy to the President, The Madras Inferior Subordinates Association.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Finance Department.

Letter No. 53415/A/Exp.A-2.

From

Sri. K.V. Veeraraghavachari,
Assistant Secretary to Government.

To

The General Secretary,
The Non Gazetted Government Officers' (Central) Association, Madras,
Madras.

Dated, Fort St. George, the 30th October 1947

Sir,

Sub:- Advances - Interest free advances to Non Gazetted Government Officers for purchase of clothing and household utensils.

Ref:- Your letter No. 41/NGO. dated 5.9.1947.

I am directed to state that the Government do not see any reason to comply with the request for the grant of interest free advance to Non Gazetted Government Officers towards the purchase of clothing and household utensils.

Yours faithfully,

T.E. Veeraraghavachari,
Assistant Secretary to Government

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Office Assistant,
Madras Record Office.

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FINANCE (EXPENDITURE-A) DEPARTMENT

Advances - Interest free advances to Non Gazetted Govt. ~~Officers~~ Servants for purchase of clothing and household utensils

From the Non Gazetted Government Officers' Association, letter No. 41/NGO. dated 5.9.1947.

Please see the representation of the Non Gazetted Government Officers' Association addressed to the Hon'ble the Minister for Finance on pages 1-3 c.f.

2. The Association has requested that an interest free advance of 6 months' salary subject to a minimum of Rs. 100/- and a maximum of Rs. 1,000/- be granted to all Non Gazetted Government Servants, the advance being recovered in 60 monthly instalments.

3. The grounds urged in support of its Resolution are:-

(1) Every one of the Non-Gazetted Government servant is heavily in debts;
(2) The subordinates have not got even the minimum equipment in regard to clothing, utensils, etc; and
(3) The price level of all commodities have increase abnormally.

4. In view of the increase in cost of living, the Government have recently sanctioned revised scales of pay to allay the immediate needs of their subordinates.

5. Under rule 14 of the Government Servants' Conduct Rules, Government servants should not get themselves involved in debts. They are expected to live within their means. The argument that most of the Government servants are involved in heavy debts cannot therefore be recognised by Government.

Moreover due to cloth rationing, only limited expenditure can be incurred on the purchase of clothing. The request of the Association for an advance for the purchase of clothing and household utensils seems to be a novel one. It does not appear that any such special advance has been sanctioned in the past for such purely private purposes of Government servants in general.

Apparently it will lead to a request for treating the loans as free grants in due course, as it is stated that the subordinates are already involved in debts and any ~~incurring~~ recovery will add to their difficulties.

In these circumstances, there does not seem to be any case for complying with the request of the Association. For orders whether the request may be negatived. Public (Services may see before circulation.

The request may be negatived.

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24.9.47.

D.W.D.
25.9.47.

PUBLIC (SERVICES) DEPARTMENT

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P.M.M.
29.9.

K.P.M.
30.9.

FINANCE (EXPENDITURE) DEPARTMENT

The case may now be circulated for orders as to whether the request of the Association mentioned in [illegible] on page 1 above may be negatived for the reasons stated in [illegible] 5 on page 1 above.

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K.V.
4.10.

H.M. (Finance). Hereafter their representations and resolutions need be examined, only if I ask for an examination. Useful time need not be spent on their continuous demands. May be negatived.

B.G.R.
16.10.

H.P.M. May be negatived.

O.P.R.
26.10.

H.M. (Finance)'s minute above is submitted for perusal.

K.V.
27.10.

T.N.S.R.
27.10.

D.M.D.
27.10.

Please see the orders in circulation on page 2 above.

2. A draft letter to the General Secretary of the Association is submitted for approval.

3. An extract of the minute of H.M. (Fin. on page 2 above will be circulated to all other sections for guidance.

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29.10. Issue.
K.V. 30.10.

(Issued as Letter No. 53415/A/Exp.A-2 dated 30.10.47).

For facility of reference the papers may n be recorded.

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6.11.1947.

G.O. Ms. No. 865 dated 6.11.1947.

Advances - Interest free - Advances to Non Gazetted Government Servants for purchase of clothing and household utensils - Request negatived - Papers recorded.

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R. Thiagarajan 10.2.54
Office Assistant,
Madras Record Office.

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